there be a fall in exports in these three categories apart from other handloom goods which are beset with difficulty, and also what steps have been taken by the Government to maintain at least the standard of exports in these categories which I have mentioned?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : So far as Bleeding Madras is concerned, the market has been ruined by bad quality. Similar as handkerchiefs are concerned there is a competition form mill-made goods in West Africa. So far as lungis are concerned there is protection now imposed by Indonesia and Ceylon.

Black diamond

* 542 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state the steps taken to exploit black diamond found in Pattiveeranpatti, Madura district?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : No occurrence of diamond is reported in this area. Hence the question of exploitation does not arise.

Good Attendance Allowance

* 543 *Q.*—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any of the technical staff amongts the transferred personnel of the Transport Department have been getting the good attendance allowance at any time; and

(*b*) whether this allowance has been stopped; if so, from when?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) Yes, Sir. They were getting a ' Good Attendance Allowance ' of Rs. 5 (Rupees five) per mensem.

(*b*) No, Sir. An Attendance Bonus Scheme has been introduced in the State Transport Department with effect from 1st October 1960. Under this Scheme, the technical staff including the transferred personnel are paid an attendance bonus of Rs. 5 per mensem in lieu of the 'Good Attendance Allowance.'

Milk

* 544 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the fact that milk from Madhavaram Milk Project is distributed to the consumers in bottles of unequal sizes; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) & (*b*) Distribution of milk under the Madras Dairy and Milk Project is being made in $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ litre standard bottles with effect from 1st October 1960.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Has the attention of the Government been drawn to the criticism in the English dailies that milk has been supplied in bottles of unequal sizes?